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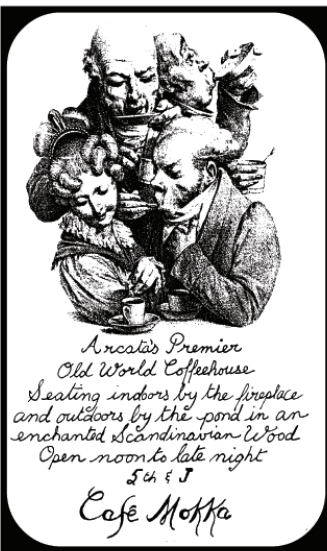
**HSSA HOLIDAY TEA** The Historic Sites Society of Arcata holds its annual Holiday Tea this Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Phillips House Museum, Seventh and Union streets. Feel free to wear your favorite apron and get into the holiday spirit! The Phillips House Museum is open every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. (707) 825-2155, [arcatahistory.org](http://arcatahistory.org), [arcatahistory@arcatahistory.org](mailto:arcatahistory@arcatahistory.org)



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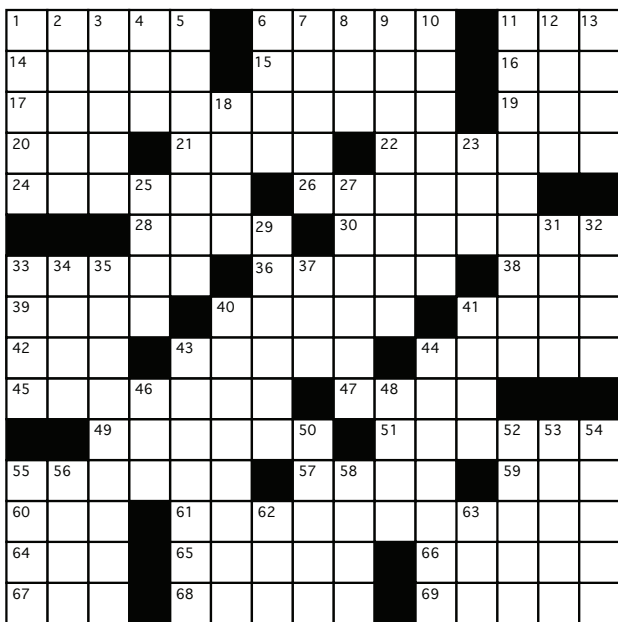


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**ARCATA CITY COUNCIL** The Arcata City Council meets today, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. in Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the City Council; review of the Draft Housing Element with direction to staff; a presentation by Justin McDonald, chief, Arcata Fire District; amend the Arcata Municipal Code pertaining to the California Building Code and Companion Codes; appoint two councilmembers with ceremonial authority to select a recipient for the 2020 City of Arcata Business of the Year Award; and more.

**MCK CSD** The McKinleyville Community Services District meets Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville. Agenda items include reports, announcements and agenda requests.

1. Horses' features
2. On the ball
3. Brownish-yellow
4. Attempt
5. Strong feeling
6. "For Pete's \_\_\_!"
7. Singer Wynette
8. Common verb
9. Wrecking completely
10. Stores fodder
11. Declared legal
12. Small appliance
13. \_\_\_-Pong
18. Fishing item
23. Yank's opponent
25. Appearance
27. One for whom a  
    place is named
29. Eases
31. Behind time
32. \_\_\_ Scott decision
33. Frilly trim
34. Shape for a skating rink
35. Reason for a detour
37. Cocleah's place
40. Nun, for one
41. Powder ingredient
43. Played a surpassing  
    card, in pinochle
44. Running away
46. Novel's leading  
    character,  
    Cockney-style
48. Part of the foot
50. Omit, as a syllable
52. Comic strip orphan
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54. Fragment
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56. Cat
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**35 ON 12**

**ARCATA COMMUNITY FOREST WORKDAY** Saturday, Nov. 23 saw 35 volunteers on Trail No. 12. The crew re-planted a number of ferns to visually narrow the roads used for the summer logging operation and naturalized the area with duff, moved a number of crib logs into place, and scraped the new loop at the top of Trail No. 12. Special thanks to Susan and Estelle Wardrip who have played a huge role lunch service for the past five months. This is the final work day for the Volunteer Trail Stewards in the Community Forest for 2019. Work resumes again on the fourth Saturday in January to begin the eighth year of VTS work days in the Community Forest.

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**PACOUT'S PRICKLY PULLOUT**

**PAC OUT WORKDAY** The PacOut Green Team spent Saturday cleaning out Jolly Giant Creek near the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. The 12 volunteers removed an estimated 700 pounds of debris and garbage, including 166 syringes (with caps still on), three tires, one rim, one vehicle bench seat and two pallets. The day's labors were sponsored by Redwood Curtain Brewery. PacOut's next event will focus on areas along Eureka's Broadway Avenue and the greenbelts west of Broadway, in collaboration with ECO Eureka, STIL Humboldt, Humboldt Bay Coffee, Los Bagels, and Applebees. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the old Eureka Chamber parking area, next to Harbor Lanes to sign in. Cleanup starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m. with a group photo and prize raffle.

PACOUT GREEN TEAM PHOTOS



**JANES CREEK WORK/LEARN DAY** The Environmental Services Department, the Humboldt Fish Action Council and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking volunteers to assist with clean up and restoration efforts at Janes Creek on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more about creek ecosystem health and network with local natural resource agency officials. Volunteers will play an integral role in preventing sediment runoff, micro-plastic ocean pollution and future

creek degradation. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Bug Press parking lot, 1461 M St. in Arcata. Participants of all ages are welcome, and work will take place rain or shine. Participants are encouraged to wear a long-sleeved shirt, work pants and boots and to bring gloves and a reusable water bottle. Some gloves and tools will be provided, and a complimentary lunch will be served at the conclusion of the work day. For more information, call (707) 822-8184 or email [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org).

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# Arcata’s new Green Waste Drop-Off program starts in January, 2020

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – During a recent review of the City of Arcata’s Green Waste Drop-Off Program, the Environmental Services Department and Wes Green Landscaping Materials identified the need to limit and monitor the amount of green waste each customer can drop off at the Wes Green Landscaping facility at “no charge.”  
Due to these findings, the City’s Green Waste Drop-Off Program has been updated with changes going into effect on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Updates to the program include:

- Recology Arcata customers within the city limits are eligible to drop-off up to 24 cubic yards of green waste annually at “no charge.” Drop-off volumes of less than one full cubic yard will be “rounded up” and counted as use of one cubic yard or one drop-off use on the customer’s account. Once a customer’s account reaches 24 cubic yards in one calendar year, the standard fee of \$11 per cubic yard will apply until the annual allotment resets on Jan. 1, 2021.
- Recology Arcata customers will need to physically go to Wes Green Landscaping, located at 6360 West End Road in Arcata, with a current Recology Arcata bill and personal ID to re-register for the program in Wes Green’s system. Registration for January 2020 will begin on Sunday, December 1. Customers who no longer have their October Recology bill can expect their current Recology bill to arrive in December 2019.
- When registering, a customer may list only two user names per account. Non-listed users are not permitted to drop off green waste at “no charge.” In addition, if customers choose to add a landscaper or landscaping business as an authorized user, green waste material delivered under their account may contain material commingled from other customers, which could reduce the account holder’s overall annual “no charge” allotment.
- Registered users must present identification when dropping off green waste at “no-charge.”

The city would like to thank all Green Waste Program customers for diverting green waste to the Green Waste Program and contributing to the reduction of material sent to the landfill, and apologizes for the inconvenience that changes to the program may cause. For information regarding the City’s Green Waste Program, email the Environmental Services department at [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org) or call (707) 822-8184.

# Cannabis | Staff will create implementation plan

**❖ FROM A1**  
tions beyond the newer ordinance. Quincey outlined the benefits and the costs to the county. The second ordinance – known as ordinance 2.0 – prohibits use of generators on timber production parcels and requires cultivators who aren’t on the grid to get 80 percent of their power from renewable sources.  
A staff-recommended incentive is to allow a \$1,000 tax reduction or 10 percent reduction of a total tax bill to bring previous permittees in line with 2.0 standards.  
If all eligible permit holders take it up, Measure S revenue would drop by \$5.7 million.  
A second incentive category is for road improvements that reduce sedimentation.  
Those who bring their roads up to 2.0 standards or who go beyond them would get the same reductions as for renewable energy use, with a maximum \$6.3 million total tax revenue reduction.  
Smaller-scale outdoor and mixed light grows of 5,000 square feet or less are also eligible for tax cuts of \$1,000 or 15 percent of a total bill. The maximum county revenue reduction would be \$325,000.  
The maximum individual tax reduction for any incentive will be \$5,000.  
Quincey said about half of all the county’s permits are for grows sized 10,000 square feet or larger and only about 300 permits are for grows of 5,000 square feet or less.  
“By keeping cultivation small, this incentivizes less water storage and less use of energy,” he said.  
But Supervisor Mike Wilson has doubts about the environmental value of small grows. He said two small farms – each with their own set of impacts – is “basically more fragmentation into the landscape than one 10,000 square-foot (grow).”  
He added, “We would be incentivizing sprawl, from that perspective.”  
Planning Director John Ford clarified that the incentive isn’t geared to “encouraging cultivators to get permits” but rather to improve the environmental performance of already-permitted grows.  
“Maybe the decision on sprawl has already been made,” he said.  
“I tend to be more of a rural guy and I actually like that people are living out in the hills,” said Supervisor Steve Madrone, who has long advocated for an incentive-based approach to regulating land use. “I see the future of forestry management as needing a large workforce of people living in the hills to help tend to things.”  
Some changes were suggested, with Wilson recommending one-year pilot programs for the solar energy and road upgrade incentives and Madrone asking for a size threshold reduction to 2,500 square feet.  
Supervisor Estelle Fennell said the 5,000 square feet threshold is more realistic, which was seconded during a public comment session.  
“Quite frankly, I think 2,500 is hard to sustain and make money at,” said cannabis farm operator Nathan Whittington, adding that the smaller-scale farmers make up “the marginalized community we need to address and find a path forward for.”  
Also during public comment, Terra Carver of the Humboldt Growers Alliance said that the county is “once again leading the way in considering best management practices” as “this hasn’t been done anywhere for cannabis.”  
Frequent commenter Kent Sawatsky questioned whether the county can afford the tax revenue losses but County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen said about \$21 million of Measure S revenue is expected in the 2021 fiscal year.  
Supervisors directed staff to return with an implementation plan for the incentives. The 5,000 square-foot standard was maintained and Wilson’s suggestion of pilot programs was taken up but the timespans were set at three years.  
The board also approved previously-directed tax collection changes, modifying billing cycles and effective dates. Supervisors also approved streamlining the process of reducing permitted grow area sizes.

# Footbridge | Committee to pursue footbridge fixup as a flagship project

**❖ FROM A1**  
es, is under development by Committeemember Jesse Lopez.  
Attention was given to creating useful contacts for those to bring issues to the attention of authorities, as well as access to crime reports. “This is a work in progress,” said Chair Melisa Lazon.  
Police Chief Brian Ahearn wanted to make sure that matters of serious public safety concern come to his personal attention for prompt action rather than citizens being relegated to interact only with a website.  
“If a concern is not being addressed, I’m the point guy,” Ahearn said.  
Efforts will be made to integrate the new site with the City of Arcata’s site.

**Community court**  
The matter of community courts was shelved till January due to the absence of Committeemember Adrian Kamada. Community courts attempt problem solving outside the judicial system with regard to crime and public safety issues. They generally include participation by community members, businesses, schools, churches and other stakeholders in the community.  
“I feel like a community court would be valuable going forward,” Lazon said. “I’d like to see the work continue.”

**The footbridge**  
A continuing effort is being made by APD Police Services Assistant Andrea Schutt to highlight Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). That involves analysis of various locations to understand how they help or hinder public safety.  
Schutt walked the bridge at various times of day, talking to footbridge users and documenting conditions and issues. There are many that could use improvement.  
Reads Schutt’s report, “The Arcata Pedestrian Bridge is a multi-use pedestrian and bike trail that allows its users to pass over G Street and Hwy 101 for safe passage to the Humboldt State University Campus and Arcata city center. The Pedestrian Bridge is considered Arcata’s only Class I multi-use pathway as classified by Caltrans. Class I multi-

use pathways are typically called “bike paths” or “shared-use paths.” They provide a paved right-of-way completely separated from nearby streets or highways, designated for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians.”  
Female users interviewed said they aren’t comfortable using the walkway, especially at night. One said she “just hopes she makes it across safely.”  
While lighting was recently improved in the area of the L.K. Wood Boulevard overpass and to the east, the stretch that arcs over G Street in Northtown remains ill-lit and problematic. Many of the fixtures are inoperative or have been smeared with graffiti, reducing their illumination.  
While the lighting upgrade was a collaboration between the city and the university, the unclear jurisdiction and lack of coordination has allowed several other maintenance-related problems to crop up.  
Along with poor lighting, pampas grass and other overgrown greenery has been allowed to flourish untended and provide hiding places for from which an attacker might mount an ambush. Schutt’s report recommends creation of a maintenance plan to keep the obscuring shrubbery down.  
Vandalism is another issue, one which imparts a sense of deterioration to the area. States the report, “Vandalism to property that does not get repaired or replaced in a timely fashion may contribute to the ‘Broken Window Theory’ which may increase the perception of crime as well as invite further criminal behavior. Signage should be checked on a regular basis for vandalism or fading. Replace/Repair when necessary.”  
Another issue with the bridge is the accumulation of garbage in various areas. Accumulations of cardboard used for spare change litter the landscape, mined from an

unsecured recycling bin on the west side. The report urges creation of a general maintenance plan.  
Even simply walking on the bridge is hazardous. Schutt documented several area where the pavement has buckled and lifted up, causing tripping hazards and reducing ADA compliance. The report urges a complete survey and repairs.  
The report concludes with documentation of human excrement that dots the area, which is a popular camping area for homeless persons. The report notes a general lack of police presence in the area, both by APD and UPD.  
Read the report and view its photos and statistics at [cityofarcata.com](http://cityofarcata.com), under Public Safety Committee agendas.  
Concludes the report, “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is meant to reduce the potential for crime as well as the perception of crime. If the general public perceives that the Pedestrian Bridge is riddled with crime (whether data backs that up or not) and/or those intending to commit crime, the less likely they will use the bridge. Adhering to a scheduled maintenance plan for the bridge will ensure that the lights are functioning and that area remains free of trash, graffiti, and overgrown vegetation. The recommendations made in this report are intended to provide guidance to the Public Safety Committee in making the Pedestrian Bridge a safer location for its intended users. The more frequently the Pedestrian Bridge is used for its intended purpose the less likely it is to be perceived as a high crime area.”  
The committee will press forward with footbridge safety improvements. Lazon likened the effort to what the Public Safety Task Force helped accomplish with improvements to Cahill Park.

# Measure Z | Arcata uses Z funds to assist young people

**❖ FROM A1**  
itations” and “at least” cap personnel costs in 2020.  
“That policy decision is going to be a little touchy with some of your departments, quite frankly, and it may be politically touchy for you as representatives,” he continued, adding that it would have been preferable to discuss it earlier because “this is a long term, powerful policy decision.”  
The September letter suggested meetings with a board subcommittee but with the advisory committee finalizing its Measure Z recommendations on Dec. 12, time’s too short.  
Supervisor Mike Wilson suggested having the committee advance its recommendations on the personnel spending as soon as possible, without having intermediary meetings.  
It’s an issue that the board has been aware of. “One of the things we’ve said over the last few years is that we need to be careful about how much

goes to personnel-related expenses because they can cut down the funds for other grants and programs,” said Supervisor Estelle Fennell.  
Supervisors generally indicated they’ll listen to what the committee says but Supervisor Steve Madrone outlined a specific stance. He said he supports capping personnel spending but would “take it further.”  
Saying “we’re getting very little” for another Measure Z priority – road maintenance – Madrone noted that the Sheriff’s Office has open Measure Z-funded positions due to lack of success in attracting applicants for them and retaining deputies.  
Madrone suggested capping personnel contributions to a level that matches actual hiring. And he said that if wages for sheriff’s deputies are increased, the county will have better odds of filling the positions funded by Measure Z.  
The cost of higher wages will be offset because filling the positions will reduce overtime expenses, he added.  
Supervisors voted to approve a series of Measure Z funding contracts and also directed staff to prepare for a Dec. 10 discussion on “modifying the allocation of Measure Z funds.”  
Among the approved contracts is one with the City of Arcata for \$247,357 of Measure Z funding.

It pays for continued funding of a school resource officer and two juvenile diversion counselors working in schools in the third and fifth supervisory districts.  
The city had sought to expand existing funding and had requested a \$353,367 contribution.

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## ❖ LETTERS

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A trip along the Danube in Germany saw the same. The view was fine and gratifying. Now it is our turn. As the apt saying goes:

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Edward Webb  
McKinleyville

### Shelter crisis lacks political will

In January 2016, the Eureka City Council declared a Shelter Crisis. In February 2018, the Board of Supervisors declared a Shelter Crisis and formed the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee to address the growing homeless problem in Humboldt County. However, the Humboldt County and City of Eureka Joint Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan that was passed in 2016 adopted the Housing First approach that discouraged pursuing approaches aimed at managing existing problems including creating sanctioned camping areas, safe parking zones, tiny house villages and establishing more public facilities such as bathrooms and storage. As a result, the Board of Supervisors Resolution in establishing the Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee established criteria that ensures that housing funds monies are used to assist the County in meeting its affordable housing goals with an emphasis on “brick and mortar” projects.

However, the Housing First strategy requires an adequate stock of affordable housing which Humboldt County severely lacks. The recommendations for Housing First rely on the existence of interim housing where people could stay until permanent housing is available, but that is in short supply also. Emergency shelters exist, but there are far more homeless than available beds and many homeless have

constraints preventing them from using shelters. Until then, our current and future homeless will need somewhere to stay.

The lack of priority by the Board of Supervisors to respond to the Emergency Crisis Declaration is clearly evident. As a result of the resolution criteria placing emphasis on the “bricks and mortar” projects, the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee is fearful that the supervisors will stick to funding only “bricks and mortar” projects despite having created a host of solutions to address the homeless crisis including a Day Center, Safe Parking, Tent Camping, and Tiny House Villages.

The committee has no power and no teeth to drive its mission. The communication between the committee and the board has occurred in a vacuum and there has not been a single dialogue between the board and the committee. The committee has been turned down by staff to access any current funding in the budget. It has now been asked by staff to propose a new funding source that the board must approve.

There is no dedicated funding source set aside on a yearly basis to address the ongoing homeless crisis. The board has not put a single dollar into the Housing Trust Fund and has not adopted a single solution for the homeless crisis after establishing this committee almost two years ago.

As long as Humboldt's affordable housing crisis exists, short-term solutions need to be implemented. Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA) and other local advocates recommend safe parking

programs, sanctioned camping areas, and tiny home villages.

The goal is to give the homeless a level of stability by providing a place where they can keep their possessions safe and dry while they get their lives together. It is easier to provide much needed mental health and other services when the homeless live in concentrated areas. These alternatives are quicker and cheaper to implement than constructing new shelters. Programs provide sanitation facilities, toilets, hand-washing stations, and dumpsters which reduce the impact of the homeless on the environment.

Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives supports the following Grand Jury Recommendations to address the Shelter Crises Declaration:

The Board of Supervisors update the resolution creating the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee to clarify its responsibilities are to address both affordable housing and immediate sheltering projects.

The Board of Supervisors provide an ongoing funding source for the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee.

The Board of Supervisors expand the role of the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee to more fully include recommending non-brick and mortar projects that include safe parking, sanctioned camps, and tiny house villages.

Winchell Dillenbeck  
AHHA Boardmember  
McKinleyville

## Arcata Police Department gets \$31,000 grant to keep booze out of hands of minors

**ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

ARCATA – The Arcata Police Department is pleased to announce a \$31,000 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), through the Alcohol Policing

Partnership (APP) Grant Program. ABC issues 51 grants annually to law enforcement agencies throughout California.

APD, in collaboration with ABC, has been utilizing these funds toward education and prevention

programs as well as enforcement operations throughout the community.

Grant objectives are to reduce alcohol related violations, which negatively affect health and safety and quality of life. APD will focus

efforts primarily on the furnishing of alcohol to minors, minors in possession of alcohol, licensee education and compliance, serving overly intoxicated patrons, public intoxication and drug activity on or near licensed premises.

The Alcohol Policing Partnership Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies and has distributed over \$20 million dollars to combat alcohol-related crime.

## Officer spots alleged food truck burglary in progress

**ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

ARCATA – On Wednesday, Nov. 27 at about 2:45 a.m., Officer Chris Rogers with the Arcata Police Department was on patrol in the area of Alliance Road and Spear Avenue when he noticed light coming from inside a food truck parked in the area.

Officer Rogers located 27-year-old Ian Richards of Arcata actively burglarizing the food truck. The cash register had been accessed and he was in possession of burglary tools.

Richards was wanted by the Arcata Police Department regarding a previous burglary he had committed on Monday, Nov. 25. He was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on two counts of burglary.

## Washing machines outwit bunglesome burglars

• **Halloween 9:02 a.m.** The heist of the century was averted when a fearsome foursome of supervillains failed to breach the security of a Seventh Street trailer court's laundry room. Their crapulent caper stymied by the impenetrable, Fort Knox-like vault full of coin-op washers and dryers and their gooey nougat coin box centers, the bungling burglars were consigned to further ignominy when at least one of their hapless braintrust was arrested for resisting the attentions of coppers who'd been dispatched to avenge the imperiled chump change.

**9:17 a.m.** A romantic stay at a downtown airbnb above an elegant restaurant was, for him, an opportunity to steal her debit card and run up charges. The bank refunded the money, but now he's texting and calling her from various phone numbers.

**1:31 p.m.** A man loosed his furies on a Samoa Boulevard fence, kicking it until a board broke. A woman was able to get the nemesis of all things fence inside an apartment, where a rolling

argument continued.

**4:43 p.m.** A man tested the boundaries of reason from inside a bathroom at a Valley West hamberder stand. There, he banged on the door and even rattled the knob as if seeking escape from the tile and porcelain prison. But maddeningly, he refused to respond to an ad hoc search and rescue expedition composed of a ragtag-but-plucky squad of burger slingers.

**6:04 p.m.** A Palomino Lane resident discovered a neighbor who had fallen to the floor three days ago and hadn't been able to get up.

**10:52 p.m.** After refusing to display the required ID for buying cigarettes at an Alliance Road mini-mart, a man dispensed entirely with formalities and lunged behind the counter to grab the prized cigs and zoom away in a red Nissan.

• **Friday, November 1 12:53 a.m.** There weren't enough spongy, deep-fried delights in a downtown donut shop to soak up the ocean of booze on board one patron, so he was arrested.

**8:55 a.m.** A generator rustler made off with a juice unit from Cedar Drive.



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**Snacks will be served and free childcare provided. For more information, please call 839-1558.**

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSING** Arcata businesses designed gingerbread houses, above, that now festoon the Grand Tree in the lobby of Jacoby's Storehouse and look even yummier in person. In keeping with tradition, you can guess the number of gingerbread persons on this year's candy-themed tree and win prizes! Right, Girl Scout Troop 90015 served hot cocoa at Arcata Exchange to help warm up chilly shoppers during Small Business Saturday. Coming up as part of Arcata Main Street's Season of Wonder & Light are the Holiday Open House, Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Arts! Arcata, Friday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.; and the Winter Solstice Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. More details can be found at [ArcataMain-Street.com](http://ArcataMain-Street.com). PHOTOS ABOVE BY STEPHANIE PFEIFER | ARCATA MENSWEAR & TUXEDO; RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY SHOSHANNA ROSE



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**CHURCH OF THE JOYFUL HEALER**  
**McKINLEYVILLE** — McKinleyville's United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer will host its annual Children's Holiday Gift Making Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be the 15th year for the popular event. It was created by the church in 2005 to give children a chance to make nice, low-cost gifts for family and friends, as an alternative to shopping. This year's projects include printed tote bags, light switch covers, pet toys, a wood project, scrabble-letter keychains, fancy clear ornaments, bath salts, bath bombs, wreaths, hot chocolate jars, Christmas cards and pins, sun catchers, and lavender sachets. Projects range in price from 50 cents to \$2.50. The charge merely helps offset the cost of materials. The event is not a fund raiser -- it's always been a gift to the community. Santa Claus will be on hand to talk to children and pose for pictures -- bring your camera. There also will be gift wrapping, "Santa's Café," and a large bake sale. More than 60 local volunteers make this a festive holiday event. Scholarships are provided on a limited basis through the McKinleyville Family Resource Center and local Boy and Girl Scouts. The Church of the Joyful Healer is at 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call the church at (707) 839-5691.

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## Holidaze Time

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toy for the Humboldt Bay Fire Dept. Toy Drive. Ugly Xmas sweaters and Santa hats optional.

Just in time for more holiday gifts, we have the 45th annual **HSU Geology Club Rock Auction** on Friday at 5 p.m. “We will be auctioning off various rocks, minerals, and other things to any who come,” say the rock hounds. “There will be tables outside Founders Hall Room 118; the auction starts 6 p.m. with lesser samples for sale, a kids table, etc. Proceeds go to funding scholarships and gear to aid students at [rock] field camp. Formal attire requested! (but not required, we just think it would make for a great time!)” Indeed.



Or you can support local indigenous artisans at the **United Indian Health Services Potawatot Art and Craft Sale**, Saturday, Dec. 7, (“a date which will live in infamy”) with various arts and crafts at Potawatot Health Village (1600 Weeot Way, near Mad River Community Hospital). That’s from 10 a.m. ’til 5 p.m. “**Bear Island Designs** will be in the House!”

In McKinleyville Saturday, starting at noon, check out the annual **Makers Holiday Fair** at Papa Wheelies Pub. (“Makers” seems to be a more inclusive term.) “We welcome local artists to display their works so you can find the perfect holiday gift for your loved one,” says Papa. “Mimosas, art vendors, door prizes! If you are or know a local artist who would like to get involved, please reach out!”

**Humboldt County Library, Arcata Branch** has another **Book Sale** Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library (and books always make a great gift). “Children’s books and movies are free, and all other sales benefit the Arcata Library, so everybody wins with this book sale.”

THE HUM ♦ B4

That cool breeze is hitting us full force again: the “holidays” are here, when “good cheer” is mandatory, and the materialism that comes with “gift giving” makes us wonder, why? Well, because merchants and others depend on this holiday push at the end of the year, and why not help out, if we can.

We’ll start with this weekend. The **40th annual Humboldt Artisans Crafts & Music Festival** spreads holiday cheer this weekend at Redwood Acres. Expect 100 plus craft vendors (everyone you know), live music on several stages all day (too many musicians to mention). “Food and Libations. Friendly faces and more holiday cheer. Community Tradition,” they explain. It runs Friday, Dec. 6, noon until 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Just \$3 to get in, free after 5, free for kids and seniors, free for those who bring a



**TUBA CHRISTMAS** Humboldt County will enjoy the beautiful sound of tubas and euphoniums playing Christmas carols for the 31st year. The annual event organized and directed by tubist Fred Tempas will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Eureka Old Town Gazebo and at 3 p.m. at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. You can also catch them on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at the Fortuna Christmas Concert at the River Lodge.

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Let the World Sing Gloria, a Christmas Choral Concert, takes place at on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1200 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. More than 100 people, from children to seniors, will sing in the choir and kick off the Christmas season.

## Love, loss and revelation in BL

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**BLUE LAKE** – Share an evening with five actor-creators as they transform into vivid physical characters, whose stories of love, loss and revelation unfold within a richly imagined theatrical world. Performances are Thursday, Dec. 5, Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake.

All student performances are on a sliding scale (pay what you can), and will be held in the historic Carlo Theatre. Dell'Arte's Second Year Ensemble will undertake an investigation of the two main questions of the Master of Fine Arts program:

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poignant and revelatory.

To reserve tickets or request more information, visit [dellarte.com](http://dellarte.com). Performances are appropriate for ages 12 and up.

### HOT DANCE PIANO ROCK

Marco Benevento headlines HumBrews, 856 10th St. in Arcata on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the concert begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The performance is in support of his seventh studio album, *Let It Slide*. The album introduces a gritty, soulful edge to Benevento's brand of high-octane keyboard wizardry – an uptempo, uplifting sound he playfully describes as “hot dance piano rock.” The songs are driven primarily by intoxicating grooves, with spare drums and minimalist bass lines underpinning intentionally lo-fi vocal hooks. The resulting vibe is a timeless one, filtering elements of vintage R&B and soul through modern indie rock and pop sensibilities and peppering it with the kind of adventurous improvisation that Benevento's come to be celebrated for worldwide.



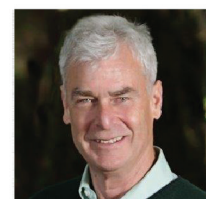
**AT THE SANCTUARY** AJ Lee and Blue Summit will perform Friday, Dec. 6 at The Sanctuary, 1301 J St. in Arcata. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10- to \$25 on a sliding scale. Headed by singer, songwriter and mandolinist AJ Lee, the band has been deeply involved in the California bluegrass scene since the members were toddlers, and since then have developed their sound and added influences outside of bluegrass, including swing, folk, blues, jazz, country, soul and rock. Since their formation in 2016, they have performed all around the country as well as in the UK, Ireland and France. This year, they came out with their first album, *Like I Used To*, which consists entirely of AJ's original songs. The rest of the band includes Sullivan Tuttle and Jesse Fichman on acoustic guitar, Chad Bowen on standup bass, and Jan Purat on fiddle.

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## Grange Breakfast, Craft Fair

What an amazing weekend we all just had in Blue Lake! Thanksgiving is over, and the Christmas Season officially begins!

Of the biggest news to get out to you all is the new Holiday Craft Fair to be held at Prasch Hall (aka the Blue Lake Roller Rink), located at 320 S. Railroad. Vendor space is still available for only \$20 a table. There will also be pictures with Santa, and craft tables for children of all ages! This incredible event will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to get a table,

please contact Elaine at Blue Chair Press at [bluechairpress@gmail.com](mailto:bluechairpress@gmail.com).

And don't forget the upcoming Mad River Grange Breakfast! Always on the second Sunday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m., come on out for community, pancakes, warmth, and fun! This coming Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Mad River Grange (110 Hatchery Rd.) And what will make this particular breakfast even more special is the fact that the Blue Lake Public Safety

Commission will be holding their annual information event at the same time.

Want to get more information on how you can be prepared in the event of an emergency? Need information on the Blue Lake CERT, Neighborhood Watch, Pods? This and so much more awaits on this special day!

May the beginning of this season bring you hope, peace, joy and love.

**HUMBOLDT ARTISANS** The 40th annual Humboldt Artisans Crafts & Music Festival will be held Friday, Dec. 6 from noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Redwood Acres, 3750 Harris St. in Eureka. The festival features over 100 booths of handmade gifts by North Coast artisans and craftspeople. Four buildings are decorated in a holiday theme with four stages of live holiday and dance entertainment that will showcase local musicians throughout all hours of the festival daily. There are more than 100 hours of live entertainment including Compost Mountain Boys, Mike LaBolle, Marla Joy, International Folkdance Club and Good Company. Local foods will be available by Tacos El Gallo, Slice of Humboldt Pie, Shamus T Bones and more. Admission is \$3 for the entire weekend or free with a donation of a gift for a child at the front gate to the Humboldt Bay Firefighters for their "Share the Magic of Christmas" toy drive. Admission is free for kids and seniors and after 5 p.m. [humboldtartisans.com](http://humboldtartisans.com)

**BLUE LAKE HOLIDAY MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR** Blue Lake Parks and Recreation hosts a Holiday Market and Craft Fair, Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside Prasch Hall (The Blue Lake Roller Rink), 312 South Railroad. The event features local vendors, a photo booth with Santa, children's crafts and food and drinks! Admission is free. (707) 668-5932, [bluelake.ca.gov](http://bluelake.ca.gov)

**HUMBOLDT GRANGE GIFT WRAPPING** Join the Humboldt Grange for a special FREE Gift-Wrapping and Holiday Sale Event Saturday Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. The Humboldt Grange has tape, scissors, miles of wrapping paper and big tables for your wrapping needs. The Grange Hall will be filled with vendors for your Holiday Shopping. Whether you bought it here, or bought it there, come wrap it. For more information, message the Humboldt Grange on Facebook or email [501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com](mailto:501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com).

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## It was a particularly dark and stormy night

Trinidad Library manager Kristin Dalziel writes that the Trinidad Library will be hosting "Know Your Humboldt Wildlife – Trail Camera Workshop" on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. There is a "show and tell" trail camera workshop with Ron Dean, sharing trail camera footage of Humboldt Wildlife.

Find out how you too can become a citizen scientist through setting up a backyard trail camera locally. Come see different equipment used for such purposes, get tips and tricks of the trade, and Ron will be available to answer any questions. For more information contact, [RPD@suddenlink.net](mailto:RPD@suddenlink.net). Free and all ages welcome.

In addition, the Trinidad Library will host the monthly "Death Cafe" on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Join the gathering on the second Thursday each month for an open, agenda-free community conversation around the subject of death. Free and open to everyone.

For more information, contact co-facilitator Samantha at (707) 677-3577 or visit the Death Café website for more details, [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com). Feel free to bring a seat cushion for the hard wood chairs. *This is not a bereavement or grief support group.*

All events are free to attend. The library's programs and services are accessible to persons with disabilities; please let us know if you require assistance.

The Trinidad Library is located at 380 Janis Court in Trinidad. For further information, call (707) 677-0227 or visit [humlib.org](http://humlib.org).

### Christmas Tea at Trinidad Civic Club

The Trinidad Civic Club will holds its Christmas Tea and caroling program on Thursday, December 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Town Hall. Members and guests cordially invited to celebrate the season.

Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Jan West will lead a business meeting at 10 a.m. prior to the Christmas Tea. Reserve a place by emailing [tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org](mailto:tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org).

### Light, Life, and Love at Ladies Fine Arts Salon

Inner Center for Fine Arts presents a Ladies Fine Arts Salon on Friday, December 6 at 10 a.m. "Light, Life and Love" is the topic.

Presenter Donna Haddock invites participants to bring a specific Fine Arts work that "moves you beyond words or reason." Reservations recommended. Call (707) 496-5350.

### Five Weeks in South America

At the end of October Susan Stephenson returned from five weeks of Montessori work in South America. She met with the departments of education in Peru and Colombia, consulted for schools in these countries and also Ecuador, and even with a group of Montessori home-schoolers on the Galapagos Islands and a group of indigenous parents at a Montessori school in Quito.

The first of her books to be translated into Spanish was presented in each of these places.

Standing on the Galapagos islands and meeting an ancient Galapagos Tortoise in person has been a dream

of hers for many years. Susan shares many of her experiences, and glorious pictures, on her blog at [susanmay-clinstephenson.net](http://susanmay-clinstephenson.net).

### Trinidad Head Lighthouse Open Saturday, December 7

The Bureau of Land Management together with Trinidad Museum and the Cher-ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria invite visitors to the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Pedestrians only. No vehicular access.

### City Council Had Electricity at Town Hall on Nov. 26

While most of Trinidad went dark last week, the Town Hall, Murphy's Market, the Chevron Station and the Seascope Restaurant along with a handful of other properties had generators to keep operations flowing.

The City Council meeting went on as scheduled. Mayor Steve Ladwig, Council Members Dwight Miller and Dave Grover, City Manager Eli Nafah, City Clerk Gabriel Adams and City Planner Trever Parker gathered to hear from City Engineer GHD about the latest city water studies. There were only two audience members on the stormy night but important information on water capacity and system mechanics was shared.

GHD has been presenting a series of water system updates and more will be presented at the December and January meetings.

Check the USPO bulletin board or the one at City Hall. Or ask to be placed on the City email notification list by calling (707) 677-0223 or leaving your email details with the City Clerk.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

## Shane's a no-drama dog; Buggy needs a buddy

Here's a lovely dog for a cold December day!

Shane is a three-year-old male with a lovely thick coat that makes us think maybe he has shepherd and husky in his background, though other breeds are certainly a possibility also. Shane has impressed the volunteers with his gentle personality and nice leash manners.

One of his walkers describes him as a "no-drama" kind of dog. He is friendly with other dogs and is pleasantly out-going. Shane has lovely intelligent eyes and not much interest in treats. In the play yard he can show off his obedient sit or allow himself a round of frisky zoomies, just so one can see he is still a relative youngster!

Come by the shelter and meet Shane today. He won't disappoint! Like all of the shelter's adoptable dogs and cats, Shane will be altered, vaccinated and

crochipped before leaving with his new family.

He is available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

A completely different dog experience is what you would get with little Buggy. Buggy is a young male Chihuahua mix.

He is only about six or seven pounds but he has a big personality! Buggy has been very friendly and playful with other small dogs, and seems to be friendly to cats, though he likes to act

very tough around big dogs.

We have had successful outings with larger dogs, especially females, who ignore him until he settles down. While this may not make him sound overly attractive, his other qualities even out the score a bit.

Buggy is quite loyal to his regular handlers. He is always happy to see me when I come to the shelter and waits patiently to be hooked up. He is a great exploring partner and can keep up as well as any big dog on a walk. He is happy to be picked up when the

terrain is too challenging.

Buggy is a smart little guy and has demonstrated some talent for scent work and obedience. If you are looking for a spunky little companion, Buggy could be the dog for you!

He has never been anything but charming with me, which makes me think he just needs out of the shelter and into a home where he feels safe.

Please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or call (707) 633-8842 to arrange a meeting with Buggy.

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ChristMurs perform on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. Doors at 9:30 p.m. Happy Hour 'til 10:30 p.m. Show ends at 1:30 a.m. Late-Night Food Menu until 2:30 a.m. \$20 Limited Advance. \$25 General Admission. Tickets available at Hold My Ticket 21-plus.

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**SECRET OF NIMH** The Secret of NIMH (1982) screens Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors and box office open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$5. The film is rated G, and runs 82 minutes.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL** Monday Night Football is Monday, Dec. 9 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors at 5 p.m. Kickoff at 5:15 p.m. Free Admission with \$5 purchase of food or beverages. All Ages.

**DIE GEISTER** Psych-folk artist, American Primitive guitarist and experimental World Music enthusiast from behind the Redwood Curtain, Oryan Peterson-Jones (AKA Die Geister Beschwören) is on tour in December supporting the release of a new album from German imprint, AOsmosis Records. This incarnation

of Die Geister features a full band (two acoustic guitars, musical saw and percussion). Joining Die Geister will be Portland, Oregon's ambient folk duet, Crowley (guitar, violin). In Arcata on Monday, Dec. 9 at 9 p.m. at Richards' Goat & The Mini-plex. Free, 21-plus.

**GOSPEL CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERT** The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir will perform joyous songs that go to the heart of the holiday season at its Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. The AIGC Youth and Teen Choirs will open the show at the Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th and G streets in Arcata. Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for students and seniors, and free for kids five and under, available at [aigcholiday2019.brownpapertickets.com](http://aigcholiday2019.brownpapertickets.com) and Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata.



HSU Presents *Dreamers: Aquí y Allá*

**HUMBOLDT STATE**  
HSU – The Theatre, Film and Dance Department at Humboldt State University presents the Humboldt County premiere of *Dreamers: Aquí y Allá* by Andrea Caban.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7, Thursday, Dec. 12, Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14. A matinee performance will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. All performances take place at the Gist Hall Theatre on campus.

The play, first produced at CSU Long Beach in 2018, was presented as a collaboration between Caban and students as well as material provided by Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos and The California-Mexico Studies Center.

The play was also produced at CSU Bakersfield where it was described as “an eye-opening experience that everyone needs to have.” The production here at HSU marks only the third time the play has been presented to audiences.

Dreamers features stories and characters based on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients who got to travel to Mexico to visit family and reconnect with their roots.

The people at the heart of this play are Americans who have suddenly found themselves vulnerable to expulsion, job loss and deportation. Dreamers features testimonials from students in the California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program, as well as interviews from DACA students and community members.

These powerful stories of personal struggle invite the question: Who gets to dream the American Dream?

Young undocumented immigrants have been called “Dreamers” since the first version of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act was introduced in 2001. Various versions of this bill have been proposed for the last eighteen years but none have become law.

DACA has provided a pathway for children and young adults who came to the United States with their parents to legally obtain a Social Security Number and driver’s license, enroll in college and work. The Trump administration announced the rescinding of DACA in 2017.

The production is directed by Amy Beltrán and Andrea Carillo, recent graduates of the HSU Theatre Program, and HSU Department of Theatre, Film and Dance Assistant Professor Dr. Troy Lescher.

Lescher explains that “*Dreamers: Aquí y Allá* has to be shared. Right now. On the HSU stage. Period. There are approximately 800,000 DACA recipients in the U.S., including DACA recipients on our HSU campus, whose lives are in perpetual flux. They don’t know what tomorrow holds for them. Immigration reform remains at the forefront of the national debate. And, considering the U.S. Supreme Court will soon hear arguments



**DREAMERS** Alejandro Torres as Francisco, Wendy Carranza as Ximena Jimenez, Victor Parra as Mateo.

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on the constitutionality of DACA, Dreamers couldn’t be more timely and relevant. The play opens a door for DACA recipients to be able to tell their own stories through a myriad of voices – to speak rather than to be spoken for or about; to be seen rather than portrayed. As a sharing of experiences, it also offers audiences opportunities to listen, to engage in dialogue centered on the complexity and diversity of the stories. Dreamers examines a lot of themes including family, home, identity, disillusionment, fear, bravery, and empowerment. At its core, Dreamers is about power, privilege, hope, action and possibility, for individuals and communities.”

In addition to the play, there will be several post-performance discussions and lectures for audience members. On December 6, there will be representatives from HSU’s Scholars Without Borders and Centro Del Pueblo who will discuss DACA-related initiatives, support and advocacy. On Dec. 12, 13 and 14, Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos (of CSU Long Beach and of The California-Mexico Studies Center) will present a 30-minute lecture entitled “Dreamers 2020: What’s Next?” There will also be a Q & A session.

The production includes 11 ensemble members. Scenic design is by Assistant Professor Patrick Ulrich, lighting design by Calder Johnson, costume design by Amelia Resendez and Zackary Tucker, sound design by Brenna Jared and Robert Williams, properties design by Rebecca Quinones and hair and make-up design by Kimberly Vazquez. The production will be stage managed by Rosemary Allison-Brown.

General admission is \$10. Student and Senior admission is \$8. The play is recommended for young adults and older. Lot parking is free on Friday nights and weekends. For tickets, please call (707) 826-3928 or visit [centerarts.humboldt.edu/Online/](http://centerarts.humboldt.edu/Online/). For more information, call (707) 826-3566.

Author releases Christmas romances

Former Eureka resident Ann Simas has announced the release of her latest books, *Jingle Bell Clock* and *Reindeer Blitz*, books nine and 10 in her Christmas Valley Romance series.

In *Jingle Bell Clock*, character Tally Barrow awakens from a coma that’s lasted almost a year. She believes she hates Christmas, and who the heck is this guy, Sam Reed, who claims to be in love with



Ann Simas

her? The wacky Christmas clock that shows up on her doorstep, and just keeps coming back, has a message for Tally. All she has to do is listen. In *Reindeer Blitz* character Jani Fridley is heartbroken, but she feels an affinity with Vixen, the crazy reindeer who ran her off the road. Ryker Manning is just the man to save Jani’s broken heart, but he’s had his own heart played in the past. Vixen, bless her sweet magic heart, is determined to wake them both up.

Simas received her B.A. from Hum-

boldt State University. She has a writing and graphics design background and is an award-winning newsletter editor. She served for two years on the Romance Writers of America Board of Directors, where she represented members in the Pacific Northwest and chaired the Outreach International Chapter, serving members worldwide.

She also co-founded a local RWA chapter and organized local writers’ conferences. She is a member of Sisters in Crime, International Thriller Writers, Italian American Writers Association, and Northwest Independent Writers Association.

Simas’s books are published by Magic Moon Press and are available worldwide in ebook format through *Amazon.com*. They are also available in paperback through the author’s website, *annsimas.com* (free shipping within the U.S.), and from *Amazon.com*.



**MARSH BIRDING** Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 7. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Meet leader Gary Friedrichsen in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**PILOT POINT PROJECT** Join Trinidad Coastal Land Trust for its last Stewardship Work Day of 2019 on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants will remove invasive ivy from Pilot Point - a private forest nature reserve near Moonstone Beach. Home to sensitive flowering plants and the elusive local mountain beaver, this geologically unique coastal bluff needs our help with invasive ivy! Pilot Point is only accessible to the public during events such as this - so don’t miss out. Meet at Osgur Lane and Scenic Drive. Carpool if you can. Please bring water and sturdy shoes. The land trust provide gloves and tools. [info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](mailto:info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org), (707) 677-2501.

**LANPHERE DUNES TOUR** Join a Friends of the Dunes Naturalist Carol Vander Meer for a free guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Lanphere Dunes Unit is home to diverse coastal ecosystems including coastal dune forest, seasonal wetlands, and large moving sand dunes. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool to the protected site. For more information and to reserve a spot, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org).

**‘IMMEASURABLE BASIS’** The Arcata Zen Group invites the public to a Dharma talk entitled “Immeasurable Basis.” Head Teacher and Soto Zen Priest Eugene Bush will speak at the Trillium Dance Studio, 855 Eighth St. in Arcata, on Sunday, December 8 at 9:20 a.m. The talk is free. Meditation begins at 8 a.m. Eugene Bush, D.D. began formal practice in 1982 and received Dharma transmission in 2010. (707) 826-1701, [arcatazenengroup.org](http://arcatazenengroup.org)

**MEDITATION DAY** Rangjung Yeshe Gomde, Tibetan Buddhist retreat center in Leggett, invites you to join in a day of contemplation and meditation on Sunday, Dec. 8. Led by Lama Kunzang, the day begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include instruction, sitting and walking meditation, contemplation, and discussion. All are welcome and you can participate as much as you prefer. This is a free, non-residential program and we ask that you bring your own lunch. For more information contact Lama Kunzang at (707) 601-1387 or [anikunzang@yahoo.com](mailto:anikunzang@yahoo.com).



**ARCATA MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Sharon Levy at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 2-hour walk focusing on the history, birds, and/or ecology of the marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359.

**VISIT THE REFUGE** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This is a wonderful, two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with an emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Call (707) 499-1247 or email [thebook@reninet.com](mailto:thebook@reninet.com) for more information.

**DUNE RESTORATION** Join the Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team (DERT) at the Bureau of Land Management’s Ma-le’l Dunes South to remove non-native, invasive plant species at this breathtaking location on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The goal of this workday is to promote native diversity while engaging community members in the stewardship of coastal environments through hand removal of invasive plants. No prior knowledge is required. Training in plant identification and removal practices along with tools, gloves, and snacks will be provided. Meet at the Ma-le’l Dunes South parking lot off of Young Lane in Manila. For more information, contact [Dante@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:Dante@friendsofthedunes.org) or call (707) 444-1397.

All Seasons Orchestra performs

ARCATA – Arcata Recreation Division’s All Seasons Orchestra will celebrate the winter season with holiday-themed performances on Sunday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 15.

Performances will showcase the orchestra’s newly-expanded string section and feature musical selections including *The Christmas Waltz* by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne, *Carol of the Drum* by Katherine K. Davis, *Santa at the Sym-*

*phony* by Mark Williams, *A Somerset Rhapsody* by Gustav Holst, three selections from *Tchaikovsky’s* The Nutcracker and last, but not least, a singalong of Handel’s famous *Hallelujah Chorus*.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the All Seasons Orchestra will perform at the Fortuna Christmas Music Festival at the Fortuna Riverlodge, located at 1800 Riverwalk Drive in Fortuna. This event is free and open to the public. The

festival will take place from noon to 6 p.m., and the All Seasons Orchestra will perform at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the orchestra will perform at 5 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. The All Seasons Orchestra celebrates its 31st year in 2019 and meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center.

(707) 822-7091, [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org).

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**Request for Proposals for ATP Non-Infrastructure Services**  
City of Trinidad is requesting proposals (RFP) from qualified firms or individuals to provide Active Transportation Program Non-Infrastructure services. The Trinidad Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Program will be funded by a Caltrans Active Transportation Program grant. The Trinidad Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Program will encourage Trinidad community members to use active modes of transportation and educate them about bicycle and pedestrian safety. The RFP is posted on the City of Trinidad website at: <http://trinidad.ca.gov>. To be considered, five (5) copies of a proposal must be received by the City of Trinidad, PO Box 390, Trinidad, CA 95570 prior to the RFP submission deadline of 2:00 p.m. December 6, 2019.

A vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District has occurred effective October 6, 2019.

Pursuant to Education Code sections 5091 and 5328, the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District intends to appoint a qualified person to the Board. Qualifications include being at least 18 years of age, a resident of the Arcata School District, a citizen of California, and a registered voter. Persons interested in applying for the position may obtain an application online at [arcataschooldistrict.org](http://arcataschooldistrict.org), or by calling or writing to Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 4, 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521.

Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020. The current members of the Board of Trustees will interview applicants in open session at a meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Persons desiring to submit questions for the Board’s consideration in connection with the interview process may submit suggested questions in

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**HUMBOLDT SYMPHONY** Join the HSU Department of Music and conductor Gar- rick Woods for an afternoon of music for strings, winds, and percussion featuring HSU's Humboldt Symphony on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. Included on the program are the *Blue Danube Waltz* by Strauss, the first move- ment of Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, selections from *Enigma Variations* by Elgar, and Grieg's first *Peer Gynt Suite*. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for children and free for HSU Students with ID.

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**MADRIGAL SINGERS**  
The HSU Department of Music and cho- ral conductor Ra- chel Samet present *Night in the City*, an eclectic program of choral music rang- ing from the Renais- sance through con- temporary jazz on Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for children and free for HSU Students with ID. HSU's Madrigal Singers will perform a diverse program that includes Elise Witt's *Open the Window*, inspired by a Georgia Sea Islands spiritual, Renaissance composer Thomas Morley's madrigal *Sing We and Chant It*, Eric Whitacre's *Glow*, a dreamlike reflection on the season, and *Esta Noche*, a rousing Spanish carol arranged by Andy Beck. The Mad River Transit Sing- ers, HSU's jazz choir, shown above, will perform fresh arrangements of standards such as *Cheek to Cheek* and *Love Me or Leave Me*, a moving arrangement of singer-songwriter Sarah Tolar's *In the Early Morning Stillness*, and Rosana Eck- er's take on the sultry tune *Moonray*. The program will close with Michele Weir's Latin/funk arrangement of Joni Mitchell's classic tune *Night in the City*. You have never heard Joni Mitchell like this!

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**HOMELESS BENEFIT** John Elliott, touring folk trouba- dour and former Musician in Residence at the Sanctuary, is hosting a fundraiser concert for Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA). Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at 1301 J St. (at 13th Street), Arcata. AHHA have led the effort to create tiny homes in Humboldt for the homeless, and provide a touring shower bus called the Care-A-Van. Everyone is welcome at these shows and every dollar will be donated to AHHA. The intention is to gather together at the end of a turbulent year and celebrate art and good groups doing good work for the greater good. Perform- ers include John Elliott, dancer Leslie Castellano, artist Violet Crabtree, activist Joanne McGarry, and Sanctu- ary co-founder Solomon Lowenstein. Tickets for sale at the door, \$10 to \$25 dollars sliding scale. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. (707) 822-0898

**ARTISTS' CHALLENGE 2019** The Ink People's Brenda Tuxford Gallery caps off their 40th year with a celebration of local artists and their industrious creativity in "Artists' Challenge 2019." Each year, the Ink People puts out a call to their artist members: Create 15 original works of art in just one month. More than 250 pieces of original art are expected Saturday Dec. 7 during Arts Alive! at 525 Sev- enth St., Eureka. "It's an 'Off the Wall' fundraiser," says show curator Kati Texas. "If you buy a piece, you get to take it right away." Each artist chose one of four sizes, and had to make all of their entries in that size. Then each size sells for a set price between \$20 and \$75. A piece of each sale goes to support the Ink People's community art projects and free programs for at-risk youth. Continuing through Saturday Dec. 14 at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery in the Ink People Center for the Arts. [inkpeople.org](http://inkpeople.org)



**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
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**Filing Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2019.** Looking for a superstar who thrives being at the hub of activity. Current vacancy is in the City's Environmental Services Department providing the full range of clerical and administrative support functions to staff and the general public, reporting directly to Department Director. Full job description and application materials available at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org); Arcata City Manager's Office Lobby 736 F Street, Arcata; (707) 822-5953. EOE.



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# The HUM | Help Outer Space move this Saturday

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Ready for some poetry and/or spoken word? **The Humboldt Poetry Show** is at Siren's Song Tavern the first Thursday of the month, (this time Dec. 5) typically with an open mic (sign up by 7 p.m, the show starts at 7:30). This time featuring the show's hosts, Humboldt-grown po- etry collective **A Reason to Listen, with Vanessa Vrtiak, Therese FitzMaurice, Jeremiah Anderson** and **Anne Fricke** with solo and group pieces. **DJ Goldylocks** on the wheels of steel, live art by **Dre Meza** from **The Lullaby Lounge**.

The next night, Friday, Dec. 6, **The Blackout Poets**, a couple of dozen or so creative writing students from **Poet Laureate/Professor David Holper's** College of the Redwoods class English 32 (poetry). They'll be reading their latest work at 7 p.m. in the rotunda at the Morris Graves Museum. "The public is welcome to attend and hear what students are rhyming, rapping, and reading."

Still more spoken word, Tues- day, Dec. 10, 6 to 9 p.m. at North- town Coffee, as **Word Humboldt** welcomes the duo, **Kuf Knotz** and **Christine Elise** from NYC "com- bining elements of hip-hop, soul and spoken word over the sound of classi- cal harp." Fascinating.

**AJ Lee and Blue Summit** offer an intimate evening of bluegrass and Americana at the Sanctuary Friday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Mandolinist/songster **AJ Lee** leads the bluegrass band, original from Santa Cruz. "This will be the first time we will be playing in Arcata and we are excited to share our music with you," she said.

Across town at the Miniplex, same Friday, "surf rock trash babies" **Sue & the Namies** present the premiere of a music vid for "No Way!" with live-action beach party antics and claymation directed and animated by **Violet Crabtree**. They're joined by psychedelic cumbia combo **Los Dune Bums** and **Blood Hunny** with some "heart string pullin' indie rock." Showtime 9 p.m.

At Outer Space, Friday (Dec. 6) it's an **Electric Youth Drag Show** hosted by **Tucker Noir**. "Humboldt county's vibrant youth drag perform- ers take the stage once again!" says Tucker. "Come celebrate the joy of

creative expression!" (Note, that may be the last show at Outer Space.)

It's rhythm night the Van Du- zer Theatre Saturday (8 p.m.) with **The Humboldt Calypso Band, The HSU Percussion Ensemble** and **The World Percussion Group** playing calypso, samba and experimental music for percussion, all directed by the rhythm kings **Eugene Novotney** and **Howard Kaufman**.

That Saturday at Redwood Cur- tain (the other one, in Eureka) **Bare Elegance Burlesque** and their extended family, the Rag Doll Revue host a show with "a classic twist to Santa's naughty & nice list." **The Rag Dolls and the Beau- ties** welcome special guest **Bessie Snow** up from the Bay Area. The whole thing is a fundraiser for a gift drive for a good cause: the **Tran- sition Age Youth Center** serv- ing youth between 16 and 26 "who may be experiencing mental health crisis, or in the foster care system, juvenile justice, or may be currently facing homelessness."

Back in Arcata Saturday, at the Vets Hall, Mad River Alliance cele- brates their Ninth birthday with a fundraiser, the **Barn Boogie Birth- day Bash**, starting as 7 p.m. "We will be celebrating with a barn dance with the Striped Pig Stringband, bever- ages, good food, and even better com- pany!" Silent auction, raffle items, 50/50 raffle. "All proceeds will go to- wards our restoration, conservation, education, and science & monitoring programs!"

Booty Shakin' Music Produc- tions plays host to the **12th & Fi- nal Tour of "How The Grouch Stole ChristMurs"** as it hits the Arcata Theatre Lounge Saturday nite with hip hop royalty **The Grouch and Murs**, plus **Pure Powers, Dr. Oop, DJ Fresh** and **Gabe Pres- sure**. Music 9-ish.

Over at HumBrews, same Satur- day, **Who Is She** presents **Brews 'n Bass** with opening sets by locals **Cassidy Blaze** and **Badam** and headliner **Edekit** (aka **Malakai Torres**) a producer from Nevada City with various types of bass mu- sic.

HSU's **Humboldt Symphony** explores the classics on Sunday, af-

ternoon Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. in Fulk- er- son Recital Hall with a program in- cluding Strauss' *Blue Danube Waltz*, the first movement of Schubert's *Un- finished Symphony*, Grieg's first *Peer Gynt Suite*, and more.

Later that Sunday, at the Sanctu- ary (at 8 p.m.) there's a benefit for the non-profit **Affordable Home- less Housing Alternatives** (aka AHHA) featuring performances by **John Elliott, Leslie Castellano, Violet Crabtree, Joanne McGar- ry, Solomon Lowenstein, Cow- town Serenaders**, "and more." Ex- pect work relating to homelessness in one way or another.

Minnesotan primitive folk blues guitar player **Charlie Parr** plays Sunday, Dec. 8, at HumBrews, an early show, doors 7 p.m. music at 8. Charlie is here with an eponymous new album, Charlie Parr, with his resonator guitar and 12-string pick- ing out "an audio tour of his life and career to date and a celebration of more songs and stories to come." He's damn good.

Monday, Dec. 9 (which happens to be my birthday) BPBS Arts & Media presents an evening in the Miniplex with **Oryan's Die Geis- ter Beschwören** (organic moss- folk from Arcata), **Crowey** (psych- folk from PDX) and introducing the self-proclaimed "new Richards' Goat house band," **Death Like The Old Days**. Hmmm.

At Blondie's Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. **Join The Weevils** at their fa- vorite venue to celebrate the release of their new EP **Here Come the Weevils!** They promise, "We will have CDs that include five recently recorded new tracks, as well as the 2016 release Dawn Patrol!" Opening for us is local solo act Bright. We're stoked!"


Last and we hope not least, Sun- day and Monday, Dec. 8 and 9, Outer Space is packing up and leaving their space on M Street.

At this point, they don't have a place to move to, but they're explor- ing options.

If you can help clean up, show up at 10 a.m. or later. It's all over at 6:30 p.m. Monday — for now.

As usual I'm over my word count, so that's it — for now. Have a merry something.

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